

# County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Headquarters



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April 9, 2014

Richard J. Bruckner, Director of Planning Department of Regional Planning 320 West Temple Street, Room 1354 Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Ms. Emma Howard

Dear Mr. Bruckner:



## REVIEW COMMENTS DRAFT 5 OF THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS ORDINANCE (LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22)

Thank you for inviting the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to review and comment on the fifth draft (Draft 5) of the Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance (SEA Ordinance). Draft 5 of the SEA Ordinance was released on March 25, 2014, and reflects changes to previous drafts of the SEA Ordinance.

Revisions contained in Draft 5 of the SEA Ordinance appear to be technical and organizational, but do not seem to affect policies contained in the SEA Ordinance itself. Accordingly, the Department concludes that previously submitted review comments remain pertinent (see attached correspondence dated January 27, 2014, and March 25, 2013). Although no further comment will be submitted at this time, the Department reserves the right to further address this matter if Draft 5 of the SEA Ordinance is subsequently revised.

Should you have any questions of the Department regarding this matter, please contact Lester Miyoshi, of my staff, at (626) 300-3012, and refer to Facilities Planning Bureau Tracking No. E14-019. You may also contact Mr. Miyoshi via e-mail, at <a href="mailto:Lhmiyosh@lasd.org">Lhmiyosh@lasd.org</a>.

Sincerely,

JOHN L. SCOTT, SHERIFF

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> Mr. Richard J. Bruckner, Director of Planning Department of Regional Planning 320 West Temple Street, Room 1390 Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Ms. Emma Howard

Dear Mr. Bruckner:

### REVIEW COMMENTS DECEMBER 2013 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS ORDINANCE DRAFT 4 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22)

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) submits the following review comments on the December 2013 Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance Draft 4 (2013 SEA Ordinance). The proposed 2013 SEA Ordinance is an updated draft of the 2012 Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance (2012 SEA Ordinance), which was reviewed by the Department in March 2013 (see attached correspondence).

The Department conducted a comparative analysis of the current and previous drafts of the SEA Ordinance, and notes that the proposed 2013 SEA Ordinance has been reorganized, introduces various new concepts and terminology, and increases levels of specificity with regard to development standards and restrictions. These changes do not appear to affect the Department's resources or operations. As such, the Department concludes that previously-submitted review comments remain applicable. Although no further comment will be submitted at this time, the Department reserves the right to further address this matter if the proposed 2013 SEA Ordinance is subsequently revised.

Thank you for including the Department in the review process for the proposed 2013 SEA Ordinance. Should you have any questions of the Department regarding this matter, please contact Lester Miyoshi, of my staff, at (626) 300-3012 and refer to Facilities Planning Bureau Tracking Number 13-080. You may also contact Mr. Miyoshi, via e-mail, at <a href="mailto:Lhmiyosh@lasd.org">Lhmiyosh@lasd.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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4700 Ramona Boulevard Monterey Park, California 91754-2169

March 25, 2013

Mr. Richard J. Bruckner
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Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, Room 1390
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Ms. Emma Howard

Dear Mr. Bruckner:

## REVIEW COMMENTS SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA ORDINANCE -- THIRD DRAFT (TITLE 22 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE)

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) submits the following review comments on the Draft Ordinance (Ordinance), dated December 20, 2012, for Significant Ecological Areas (SEA). The proposed Ordinance will amend Title 22, Planning and Zoning, of the Los Angeles County Code by establishing regulations for development activities within SEAs to ensure such activities do not unduly threaten the future existence of underlying ecological systems located therein. The purpose of the proposed Ordinance is not to preclude development within these areas, but to maintain and possibly enhance the County's scenic and environmental resources.

The proposed Ordinance is not expected to significantly impact the Department's operations or resources. However, to the extent possible, emergency access for Department personnel, vehicles, and equipment must be maintained through SEAs in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

The Department has no other comment to submit at this time, but reserves the right to further address this matter in subsequent reviews of the proposed Ordinance.

Thank you for including the Department in the environmental review process for the proposed Ordinance. Should you have any questions of the Department regarding this matter, please contact Lester Miyoshi, of my staff, at (626) 300-3012 and refer to Facilities Planning Bureau Tracking No. 13-003. You may also contact Mr. Miyoshi, via e-mail, at Lhmiyosh@lasd.org.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Gary T.K. Tse, Director Facilities Planning Bureau